

## SYMPHONY HEARD IN NEW FRENCH WORKS

Composition of Young Woman  
Featured at the Fourth  
Thursday Concert.

## CANTATA IS WELL DONE

Three Soloists Assist in Inter-  
esting Programme—Pianist  
Wins Praise.

The fourth Thursday afternoon concert of the Symphony Society in Carnegie Hall yesterday was devoted to the presentation of French music by composers belonging to the present period. One, Lili Boulanger, had passed away, while yet a mere girl and left behind her the promise of something perhaps not defined at the time of her death, yet casting before it a broad shadow. Walter Damrosch, while in France last autumn, became deeply interested in the art of this young woman and brought several of her scores back with him.

The work performed yesterday is in the cantata form, though it is best described as a lyric scene. It treats the episode of *Helene's* reincarnation from the second part of *Faust*. The two lovers and *Mephistopheles* are the

characters. There is no chorus, but a richly employed orchestra. *Helene* is written for a mezzo soprano or contralto, *Faust*, of course, for tenor and *Mephistopheles* for bass.

Themes of Passion and Terror. The subject matter comprises *Faust's* passionate desire to know *Helene*, *Mephistopheles's* expostulations, the appearance of the famous Trojan beauty, a brief love scene, the sudden apparition of *Paris*, who drags *Helene* back to Hades, the despair of *Faust* and terror of *Mephistopheles* at the proximity of the offence against the Higher Power.

Miss Boulanger composed her music on lines of dramatic declamation, with short and not incisive lyric bursts, with a surrounding of brilliant and at times overlaid orchestration. The creation of music by such a young woman, still a pupil, she won the Prix de Rome with it, and she deserved it, but too much music has been bestowed upon her art.

France is proud of Miss Boulanger, and it is not a pleasing duty to any of us who love France to fall behind her in enthusiasm over the gifted young woman; but in the music heard thus far one could not find anything above a first mastery of materials and methods, a sympathy with poetic expression and high artistic ideals. These indeed are treasures worthy of care.

Three Soloists in Cantata. The cantata was well done. The soloists were Julia Claussen, contralto; Craig Campbell, tenor; and Edgard Schofield, bass. The other numbers on the programme were Vincent d'Indy's melodious symphony "On the Song of a French Mountaineer" and Cesar Franck's symphonic variations for piano with orchestra. The pianist was Alfred Cortot.

The charming composition of M. d'Indy, facile and fanciful, was performed with brilliancy. Mr. Cortot kept the piano part in its proper place, but in no way obscured it. Mr. Damrosch infused a delightful vigor into the reading.

## MEYER-CLAXTON.

Germantown Girl Married to New York Man in Mother's Home.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Miss Sarah Meyer, daughter of Mrs. Edgard Schofield, of Germantown, was married to Carl L. W. Meyer of New York, at noon to-day in the residence of the bride's mother.

Mrs. Alexander J. Cassatt gave a dance to-night in her home in honor of her grandchildren, Miss Katherine Stewart and Miss Doris Stewart, daughters of Major and Mrs. W. Plunkett Stewart, and Alexander J. Cassatt and Anthony Cassatt, sons of Major and Mrs. Robert Kelo Cassatt. About twenty-five guests were present.

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## ASHLEY-CLAY.

Chicago Man Weds San Francisco Girl in New York Church.

Miss Francis Clay, daughter of Mrs. E. W. Clay of San Francisco, was married to Rex Ernest Ashley of Chicago yesterday afternoon in St. Agnes's chapel by the vicar, the Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger. The bride wore a gown of soft white satin trimmed with point lace and a tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white carnations. Miss Gertrude Renne of Denver was the only bridesmaid. She wore a costume of pink satin and chiffon and a hat to correspond, carrying a bouquet of pink roses. Richard Pond of Chicago was best man.

The ushers were George Hearst, Charles Mayer and S. F. Rockwell. A reception followed at 533 West 112th street.

## ENGLISH GIRL TO BE BRIDE.

Engagement Announced of Miss Snelling, Visitor at Sound Beach.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 26.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Gertrude A. Snelling, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Snelling of London, to Lieut. William George Beatty Fells of the British navy, and a relative of Admiral Beatty. Miss Snelling has been making her home with her cousin, Arthur T. Blarney, and family of Sound Beach for some time.

The engagement of Miss Ruth Arbaugh of Indianapolis to Corporal John H. Schmehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Schmehl of Greenwich, has been announced. The wedding will take place when Corporal Schmehl is mustered out.

## REAL PLEASURE IN 'A LITTLE JOURNEY'

Romance Enters Pallman Car,  
Wreck Follows and Cupid  
Scores.

## HYMN IS AN INSPIRATION

Western Scenes Help Progress  
of the Play, Which Has a  
Satisfactory Finale.

## "A Little Journey"—At the Little Theatre.

Mrs. Bay.....May Gayer  
Lily.....Nancy Winston  
Mrs. Welch.....Johnny Howland  
Jim West.....Richard Quilter  
Cyril Keightley.....Cyril Keightley  
Annie.....Gilda Varese  
Frank.....Victor La Salle  
Charles.....Theodore Westman, Jr.  
Kitty Van Dyke.....Elna Royton  
Ethel Halestead.....Vera Fuller Mellich  
Julia Rutherford.....Estelle Winwood  
Alfred Beaman.....Edward Lester  
Mrs. Smith.....William A. Mortimer  
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## NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD

The first of the Colony Dances for girls not out in society was held last night in the main ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton. Among those giving dinners in advance of the dance were Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Mrs. Ellwood Hendrick, Mrs. H. Mortimer Billings, Mrs. A. Henry Moore and Mrs. Lewis L. Delafosse. The patronesses for this season are Mrs. Winthrop Burr, Mrs. J. Magee Ellsworth, Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mrs. Walter B. James, Mrs. Oliver G. Jennings, Mrs. Henry Hutton Landon, Mrs. H. Casmir De Rham and Mrs. Robert L. Stevens. There will be another dance during the Easter holiday.

Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan will give a small dance this evening in her home, 231 Madison avenue, for Miss Katharine Crosby of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hennen Morris will give a dinner this evening in their home, 19 East Seventieth street, for their nephew, Lieut. John Jay Schleffelin.

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## SINGERS IN GOOD VOICE

Chalmers Pleases as "Sharp-  
less"—Prominent Persons  
Fill Boxes.

"Madama Butterfly" was sung at the Metropolitan Opera House last evening before an audience of great size. It was not at all difficult to discover the reason, for John McCormack made his first operatic appearance of the season.

A combination of the admired tenor and Miss Farrar in the popular Puccini work was naturally an attraction not to be resisted, especially by the great army of owners of McCormack records.

The tenor in these musical movies is one thing and the tenor himself is another. Added to this is the indisputable fact that Mr. McCormack, while inconceivable as a whale boat officer, sings the music surpassingly well. The senuous phrases of Puccini are perfectly suited to his tones and his style, and furthermore, he shows more feeling in the duet of the first act than he puts into most other things he sings.

Miss Farrar was in good vocal condition last night. All that needs to be added is a reiteration of the oft repeated statement that her *Cio-Cio-San* is a very excellent impersonation, particularly in the second act.

Chalmers was once more a manly and sympathetic *Sharpless*. Mr. Moranconi conducted.

In the audience Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Grafton Cushing were with Brigadier-General and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Kinncutt Draper were in Mrs. E. Henry Harriman's party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Allen G. Wellman and Frederic Potts Moore were with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Math. M. Neill.

Mrs. W. Watts Sherman's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Karlick Riggs, Mrs. Burke Roche and Charles M. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. James Lowell Putnam and Mrs. Charles Shipman were in Mrs. Penfield's box.

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